



**MINUTES OF
RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2008**

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DATE: Wednesday, February 13, 2008
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Room 360, City Hall, Santa Clara Avenue and Oak Street, Alameda, CA 94501

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Terri Ogden, Vice Chair Joe Restagno, Commissioners Michael Cooper, Jo Kahuanui, Bill Sonneman

Absent: None

Staff: Dale Lillard, Director
Patrick Russi, Recreation Supervisor (RS)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of January 10, 2008 Recreation and Park Commission Meeting.

M/S/C KAHUANUI/COOPER (unanimously approved)

“That the Minutes of January 10, 2008 Recreation and Park Commission Meeting are approved.”

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA

(Any person may address the Commission in regard to any matter over which the Commission has jurisdiction or of which it may take cognizance that is not on the agenda.)

Commissioner Sonneman stated that Miracle League was going to try and attend tonight's meeting to provide an update. Miracle League and Catellus are working on a fundraiser with the A's to help provide funds to build on the Coast Guard Field. Director Lillard stated that the fundraiser can be promoted in the summer brochure.

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Annual Review and Adjustment of Fees for Recreation and Parks - (Discussion/Action Item)

Discussion was held regarding the review and adjustment of Recreation and Park fees.

Commissioner Kahuanui recommended that the Sports Field Use fee for AUSD and sports leagues/groups of \$500 should be included on the fee schedule. Director Lillard stated that most of the leagues/groups do not pay the fee. Most groups/leagues (e.g., softball, little leagues, etc.) use the services in lieu of fees option. Soccer Leagues do pay the fees.

Commissioner Sonneman stated that he would prefer that AUSD not pay fees to use a public field. It often becomes a fundraiser for the coach to be able to use the field.

Commissioner Cooper asked what the fee was for the Church to use the Veteran's Building. Director Lillard stated that he would have to look for the information. Commissioner Cooper stated that he would like to go on record as suggesting that the fees for the Church to use the Veteran's Building be substantially raised.

Chair Ogden asked staff to provide a list of who is using the Veteran's Building and the fees that are being paid by the various groups. Director Lillard and RS Russi stated that they would provide the information to the Commission.

M/S/C SONNEMAN/KAHUANUI (unanimously approved)

“That the following fee increases be approved:

Adult Softball

-	Men's League	\$715 Resident Team Fee (10 games)
		\$765 Non-Resident Team Fee (10 games)
		\$765 Resident Team Fee (12 games)
		\$815 Non-Resident Team Fee (12 games)

Aquatics

-	Swim Lessons	\$25 for 1/2 hour Private Lessons
-	Public Swim	
-	Youth Resident	\$2
-	Youth Non-Resident	\$3
-	Adult Resident	\$4
-	Adult Non-Resident	\$4.5
-	Swim Team Use Fee	\$13/hr/Youth
		\$14/hr/Adult

Buildings

- **Recreation Centers** **\$45/hr Alameda Non-Profit Mtgs.**
 \$55/hr Alameda Non-Profit Activities
 \$90/hr Private Rental (Resident)
 \$115/hr Private Rental (Non-Resident)

Grounds

- **Picnics** **\$100 Cleaning Deposit for groups of 100 or more**

Youth

- **Day Camp** **\$155 Trails End (1/wk session)**
 (Due to transportation costs)
- **Preschool** **\$4.65/hr Tiny Tot (Preschool)**

Director Lillard informed the Recreation & Park Commission that the budget for the next two year cycle (FY 2008-2010) will be very tight. Budget cuts are not known at this time, but additional information will be provided as received.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Topics for Future Joint Meeting with Council – (*Discussion Item*)

Director Lillard stated that based on the last meeting the Commission suggested discussing with Council completed projects, in addition to sports complex, pool, and Coast Guard Field. Director Lillard will check with Clerk's office for available dates and times to meet.

Commissioner Sonneman suggested discussing Alameda and Encinal High Schools sports fields. Director Lillard asked if they were considering a synthetic field. Commissioner Sonneman stated that AUSD is considering the idea and that there may be enough funds for Encinal High School, but not enough for Alameda High School. He feels this should be a coordinated effort with the school, city, and user groups (e.g., soccer, little league, etc.).

Commissioner Sonneman suggested putting the possible coordination of efforts/funds to possibly install a synthetic field at Encinal and Alameda High Schools. Director Lillard stated that he would add it to the list.

7. REPORTS FROM RECREATION COMMISSION AND RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR

A. Park Division

See February 11, 2008 Activity Report.

Godfrey Park Field Renovation is completed. Recreation Commission provided many positive comments regarding the renovation.

Rittler Field Renovation will be deferred until after July 1, 2008.

B. Recreation Division

See February 11, 2008 Activity Report.

C. Mastick Senior Center

See February 11, 2008 Activity Report.

D. Other Reports and Announcements

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

Chair Ogden asked for any new information on the Veteran's Building. Director Lillard stated that most of the painting has been done, along with installing a new sign. Chair Ogden asked if the asbestos and mold issue was resolved. Director Lillard stated that both issues were resolved.

Chair Ogden asked if the Girls Softball League had installed the storage container at Krusi Park. Director Lillard stated no. They have approval from the City, but have not done the installation. RS Russi stated that he was recently contacted by the Girls Softball League and they are waiting for a good time to have the truck bring the container into the park. We are waiting for a break in the rainy weather to do the installation. This will eliminate any damage to the turf.

Chair Ogden asked about the status of the Krusi Park Recreation Building. Director Lillard stated that the request for final payment of the Washington Park Recreation Building renovation has been submitted. Once the funds are received, we will begin renovation of the Krusi Park building.

Commissioner Sonneman stated that if Alameda High School requests the use of a public park for the NCS Championship, he would like the request to go before the Recreation & Park Commission. Director Lillard stated that the playoffs were held last year at Lincoln Park. Many complaints were received from the public regarding their inability to use the park. The College of Alameda was built to hold these types of events and should be used.

Commissioner Sonneman requested that if AUSD requests use of the park again for such an event, the request should go to the Recreation & Park Commission for approval. Director Lillard stated that a letter will be sent to the Athletic Director at Alameda High School.

9. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

10. SET DAY FOR NEXT MEETING

Thursday, March 13, 2008

11. ADJOURNMENT 7:53 p.m.